

Interpretive

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Programs: And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn. Too wet and soggy to go outside, then the craft room has all the fun you need! Whether you just want a simple bracelet to take back to the room, or something a little more complex, we have it. Drop on by or check the activities schedule by the main desk and start planning a fun filled day!



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

Programs designed to entertain and educate folks of all ages.

Find this and all of your favorite Indiana State Park Interpretive Schedules at:
www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices.

Saturday March 5

- 10:30am **The Awakening Wetlands.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some spring awakening wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. We'll also investigate some of the plant and animal life of these special environments. JT
- 2:00pm **Makin' Tracks!** If it's March, there must be mud! If there's mud, there could be tracks. Join us at the Nature Center Auditorium for a quick look at tracks, then we'll see if we can't capture one in plaster for you to take home! CM



Sunday March 6

- 8:00am **Sunday Morning Mud Walk.** Nothing beats an early morning for fresh air walking and a chance meeting with wildlife. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for an 1-½ hour discovery hike through the slush, mud, or whatever conditions exist! Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours, to spot the early birds and any other animals out and about. Don't miss it! JT
- 2:00pm **The Photography of Richard Fields.** Join us for a special program today, as the ACRES Land Trust and Pokagon State Park host *Outdoor Indiana* photographer Richard Fields. Richard will share some of his outstanding photography that has appeared in our DNR magazine, publications, and his own book, *Indiana From the Air*.

Saturday March 12

- 10:30am **Squirrels Gone Wild!** Meet the Interpreter in the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on these interesting critters. Afterwards, we'll step outside and get a close up look at our resident squirrels with the help of live trap. Don't miss out! BB
- 2:00pm **Skunk Cabbage Search.** It's that time of year! Join the interpreter at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance for a short, 45-minute, hike towards Lake Lonidaw in search of the first flower of the year... the skunk cabbage! JT



Sunday March 13

- 8:00am **Return of the Redwings!** Bring your warm clothes and meet us in the Inn Lounge by the fish tank and coffee pots. From there, we'll bundle up and head out for an hour or so fresh air walk. Will our "real" harbingers of spring be in the marsh today? Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, for close up looks at birds and anything else moving about. BB/JT

April Programs on the Back!

Nature Center School Season Hours:

1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday to Friday

Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays until March 18th

10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Weekends & Holidays

Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

Saturday March 19

- 10:30am

Signs of Spring Saunter. Only one more day until the official start of spring! Join the naturalist for a short, 45-minute stroll through the nearby woodlands. We'll be searching for natural signs of spring along the way. Meet on the Nature Center Front Deck. Join us! CM
- 2:00pm

Hopping Herps. You don't have to be Jeff Corwin to love herps! Hop on over to the Nature Center Auditorium for a fun program looking at the frogs of Pokagon. We'll be looking at Pokagon's resident frogs, as well as the art of amplexus! Great family fun! BB



Sunday March 20

- 8:00am

First Day of Spring Jaunt! See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. BB/JT

Saturday March 26

- 9:00am

Bluebird Hills Hiking! Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 7 and circle around in our Bluebird Hills area. It's a good walk, so a water bottle or canteen may come in handy. Total distance is about 3 miles. Parking available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn. JT
- 2:00pm

Bluebird Business. You've had the chance to see our gems of blue this morning, now come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion on one of our most beautiful songbirds. We'll learn about their fight for survival and how you can help. FW



Sunday March 27

- 8:00am

Out Like A Lion Walk. See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. FW/JT

Saturday April 2

- 10:00am

Vernal Pond Patrol. A nice walk down into the Nature Preserve and over much of Trail 6. We'll search the temporary spring ponds along the way for songs of frogs, salamanders, and other forms of life. We'll be out for about 1-½ hours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance. JT
- 2:00pm

Toad Talking! Toads and other anurans will be the topic of today's short talk in the Nature Center Auditorium. We'll see some of the common ones that we house at Pokagon and learn some of the sounds they are making this time of year. CM
- 6:30pm

Timberdoodle Time! A special program tonight! Gather in the Potawatomi Inn Front Lobby with good walking boots and prepared for an adventure. Depending upon local condition and the bird of the hour, we'll either take a short carpool trip a few miles outside the park, or we will hike down into our nature preserve for a once in a lifetime encounter with the timberdoodle, other wise known as the woodcock! Total time should be 1 ½ hours. It's sure to be no snipe hunt! BB



Sunday April 3

- 8:00am

Spring Migration. See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. BB
- 10:30am

Naturalist Along the Boardwalk. This morning the Interpreter will be roving the boardwalks of trail three, near Lake Lonidaw, with hidden surprises you may want to see! If you're out hiking, be sure to check it out! JT

Saturday April 9

- 2:00pm

Hell's Point Bound! It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) JT

Sunday April 10

- 8:00am

Fresh Air Jaunt. See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. FW/JT

Saturday April 16

- 9:00am

Carpool Tour To Cedar Swamp. Meet the interpreter at the Nature Center Parking lot of a special tour to Cedar Swamp. From there, we'll carpool six miles to a Division of Fish and Wildlife property that is locally known for waterfowl, herons, egrets, and cranes. Total time should be 2 hours or a little more. BB

Sunday April 17

- 8:00am

Birds on The Move. See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. BB

Saturday April 23

- 2:00pm

A Potawatomi Trek. Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a 1-½ hour discovery hike into the relatively untouched wilds of the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. JT

Sunday April 24

- 8:00am

Early Morning Meander. See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. JT

Saturday April 30

- 2:00pm

Geocaching Jaunt It's the nature hike with the techno twist! Join the interpreter for a short hike exploring the new game of geocaching. Learn what a geocache is, have a chance to find a geocache, and learn about this new craze in this one hour, easy hike. Meet at the Nature Center Front Deck. BB

Sunday May 1

- 8:00am

The Big May Migration! See 8:00am Sunday, March 13, for details. BB

